[R_I and] R_3 [are] is selected [independently] from the group consisting of optionally substituted hydroxyaryls and alkoxyaryls;

 R_2 is selected from the group consisting of [hydrogen and] optionally substituted loweralkyls; and

R4 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted cycloalkyls.

- 2. (Amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein $[R_1 \text{ iand}] R_3$ [are] is selected [independently] from the group consisting of optionally substituted hydroxyaryls.
- 3. (Amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein $[R_1 \text{ and}] R_3$ [are] is selected [independently] from the group consisting of optionally [substituted] substituted alkoxyaryls.
- 5. (Amended) [The compound of claim 1, wherein] A compound having a formula selected from the group consisting of:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_2 \\ R_1 & R_3 \\ \hline \\ N-N \\ R_4 \end{array}$$

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, wherein:

R₁ is optionally substituted para-hydroxyphenyl:

[at least one of R_1 and] R_3 is selected [independently] from the group consisting of optionally substituted phenyloxyloweralkyls;

R2 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted loweralkyls; and

R4 is selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted cycloalkyls.

7. (Amended) The compound of claim 6, wherein at least one of R_1 and R_3 is substituted with a [substituten] substitutent selected [fromn] from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, loweralkyl, haloloweralakyl, loweralkyloxy, haloloweralakyloxy, carboxy, loweralkylthio, aminocarbonyl, and loweralkylsulfinyl.